

**IOWA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Legislative and Policy Development Priorities  
2016 - 2017**

**Legislative Priorities:**

Reducing Achievement Gaps

Goal: All students will be proficient in reading by the end of third grade.

Goal: Students in need of additional support will have access to high-quality summer learning opportunities.

Transitioning to New Assessments

Goal: Statewide assessment of student learning will be closely aligned to Iowa's academic standards.

Implementing Iowa Academic Standards

Goal: All school districts and accredited nonpublic schools will implement Iowa's rigorous academic standards to prepare Iowa students with the knowledge and skills they need to be college and career ready.

## **State Board Development Priorities:**

### Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation

Goal: All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa will be aligned to comprehensive standards and prepare candidates to meet the high expectations of our teacher and leader workforce.

### Developing a Comprehensive Career Pathways System

- Supporting Competency-based Education (CBE)

Goal: Students will demonstrate proficiency of essential knowledge and competencies indicating they are college and career ready.

- Increasing Accessibility of Career and Technical Education

Goal: Students across Iowa, regardless of geography, will have access to an array of robust Career and Technical Education and community college credit opportunities through an integrated system.

- Preparing Productive Citizens for Rewarding Careers

Goal: Students, including adult learners, will be prepared and supported by community colleges to be credentialed, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

### Creating a Safe and Rich Learning Environment

Goal: All Iowa schools will foster a culture and climate in which students feel safe and supported.